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Draft decision I

Theme for the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the 1999 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of its 1999 substantive session will be devoted to consideration of the following theme: "Poverty eradication and capacity-building".

Draft decision II

Issue of the review of the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 50/8 of 1 November 1995 and Council decision 1998/285 of 31 July 1998, decides:

(a) To continue consideration of the issue of the review of the distribution of seats in the Executive Board of the World Food Programme at its organizational session for 1999 with a view to arriving at a recommendation to be submitted to the General Assembly;

(b) To postpone action on the draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme"[1] to its organizational session for 1999.

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Draft decision III

Participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women

The Economic and Social Council, having considered General Assembly resolution 53/120 of 9 December 1998, decides:

(a) As an interim measure, and in conformity with the provisions of paragraph 53 of its resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996, to invite those non-governmental organizations that were accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to attend the forty-third and forty-fourth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, including those parts of the sessions in which the Commission acts as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly, to be entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"[2] and to be held in June 2000, provided that they have started the process of applying for consultative status in accordance with Council decisions 1996/315 of 14 November 1996 and 1997/298 of 23 July 1997;

(b) To request the Secretary-General to draw the attention of the non-governmental organizations accredited to the Fourth World Conference on Women to the provisions of the present decision and to the process established under Council resolution 1996/31.

Draft decision IV

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Economic and Social Council, in the absence of any additional information received from the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, decides that the existing arrangements for that Committee shall continue.

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[2] See General Assembly resolution 53/120.